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The Honorable Robert L. Kunzig  
Administrator of General Services  
General Services Administration  
Eighteenth and F Streets, NW  
Washington, D. C. 20405

Dear Mr. Kunzig:

I understand that the Federal Highway Administration has declared excess to its needs some 330 acres of property adjacent to the Headquarters of the Central Intelligence Agency and that a decision on its disposition will shortly be made. Mr. Coffey, my Deputy Director for Support, has written to Mr. Nunnally, Regional Director, Region 3, Property Management and Disposal Service, requesting that a portion of this property be assigned to this Agency. I attach a copy of his letter for your ready reference.

I take the liberty of addressing you personally on this matter because of my very strong feeling that it would be contrary to the national interest not to assign at least a portion of this property to the Central Intelligence Agency. My most immediate concern is the necessity of having some buffer between our Headquarters property and any public area. This has of course been automatically provided as long as the Federal Highway Administration retained title to this property. I want to emphasize my strong feeling that it would be a misjudgment not to assign a sufficient segment of this land to the Central Intelligence Agency to give it reasonable protection against hostile surveillance, either physical or technical.

The desirability of consolidating all CIA headquarters activities at this location whenever budgetary constraints will permit such action is also important. When our Headquarters Building was constructed the funds allocated by Congress were insufficient to accommodate all of our activities. I understand the difficulty of undertaking additional construction at this time but consolidation would ultimately produce savings in rental and other services.

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I hope you will give this matter your most serious consideration, and I am of course available to discuss it with you at any time you feel it desirable. I am sending copies of this letter to the other members of the Property Review Board.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

Richard Helms  
Director

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